(*e*) the action taken by the Government on the said applications?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) Do not arise."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" ఈ forest భూములు చాలాసార వంతమైనవిగా ఉంటవి కనుక వాటిని పేదరైతులకు పట్టాలుగా ఇస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" ఈ బంజర్లు unreserved forest భూములు. అడవులను పెంచుటకు యీ భూములు పనికిరావు. ఆ కారణంగా అనేక సంవత్సరాలనుంచి వాటిని పేద రైతులు సాగు చేస్తున్నారు అలాంటివారికి ఈ భూములపై పట్టాలు ఇవ్వటానికి ప్రభుత్వానికి ఏమైనా అభ్యంతరం ఉన్నదా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Each area will have to be considered on its own merits. No general conclusions could be arrived at now."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" ఫారెస్టు బంజరు భూములను సేద్యం చేసుకొనుటకు ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఇవ్వదలచినప్పటికి ప్రభుత్వోద్యోగులు అభ్యంతరం తెలుపుతున్నారనే విషయం ప్రభుత్వంవారు గమనించారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" If the matter is brought to the notice of the Government, it will be taken into consideration."

Report on the development of Laccadive and Amindivi Islands.

* 75 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) whether the remarks of the Board of Revenue and the Collectors of Malabar and South Kanara have been received on the report of the Special Officer, Sri S. Y. Krishnaswami, I.C.S., in the matter of developing Laccadive and Amindivi Islands;

(ii) and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the Special Officer's Report and the remarks of the Board of Revenue and the Collectors of Malabar and South Kanara; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take on the proposals submitted by the Special Officer?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The suggestion will be considered.

" (*b*) The report is under consideration of Government."

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Sri A. Appu :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to show the report to me, as a Member representing the islands, with the remarks of the Board of Revenue and the Collector thereon? And has any provision been made in the current year's budget to start any development works in these islands in the official year 1953–54? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" As I have already said, the report is under examination by the Government. Unless the Government examine and take decisions, it is not possible to provide for any development works in the budget."

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" How long will it take for the Government to come to a decision on the report, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" It will take some reasonable time. Final decision can be taken only after the report is considered by various heads of departments as it involves very important decisions and also by the Government of India on certain issues."

Sri C. H. KANARAN :—" What are the main proposals in the report submitted by the Special Officer? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, it is a very huge report and if the hon. Member wants a specific answer, he may put a separate question."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government show greater consideration and responsibility to reports of Committees appointed by themselves than was the custom under the Britishers?"

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Most certainly. It is being done already and I am sorry the hon. Member did not note it so far."

Recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee.

* 76 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any decision on the report of Jail Reforms Committee and implemented all or any of its recommendations so far?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No, Sir. The Report has been referred to the heads of departments concerned for remarks and they have been asked to submit detailed proposals for implementing the various recommendations of the Committee. Their replies are awaited."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the general line of reform would follow the civilized notion that crime is a disease? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This has nothing to do with the main question."